GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3916
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2001
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR SUGAR INDUSTRY
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the composition, functions and performances of the Development Council for sugar industry;

(b) whether the Union Government have any plans to reconstitute the Development Council for Sugar Industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): The Development Council for Sugar Industry is constituted for a period of two years.The Council was last constituted on 11th November, 1998 and its term expired on 10th November, 2000. The composition of the Council as constituted on 11th November, 1998 is at Annexure I.

The Council is being reconstituted.

The main functions of the Development Council for sugar industry are at Annexure II.

The last meeting of the Development Council was held on 7-10-1999 at Pune and the agenda, inter alia included are
(i) review of sugar situation in the country,
(ii) review of the Cane Reservation Area,
(iii) Compulsory use of jute as packaging material for sugar.

The Development Council has two Standing Committees namely Standing Research Advisory Committee (SRAC) and the Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards (SACSS). The main functions of these two Standing Committees are as follows :

Functions of SRAC

(i) To examine the Research Schemes received by the Council from the sugar factories, scientific and other connected organisations.

(ii) To consider proposals for the purpose of grants in aid for conducting research connected with the sugar industry and other related matters.

Functions of SACSS

(i) To recommend the introduction of Indian Sugar Standards (ISS Grade) every year for use in the Indian Sugar Industry, Trade etc.

(ii) Reviewing the price differentials for different grades of sugar.

(iii) Other related matters connected with the preparation and issue of Indian Sugar Standards etc.

The Standing Research Advisory Committee has been regularly considering the proposals received for the purpose of grants in aid for conducting research connected with the sugar industry and other related matters. During the financial year 2000-2001,one project has been granted financial assistance amounting to Rs. 29 lakhs.

The Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards has been regularly meeting every year for considering and approving the sugar standards to be adopted by the Indian Sugar Industry and Trade.During the financial year 2000-2001, the Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards held its meeting on 25.9.2000and approved the Sugar Standards for the season 2000-2001. In the above meeting, the Standing Committee also constituted a Sub Committee under thechairmanship of Chief Director (Sugar) to study various clarification processes adopted by sugar factories and to consider the feasibility of introducing a new process with a view to producing better quality sugar equivalent to refined sugar.

The Development Council also constitutes adhoc committees for specific purposes.A Technical Committee has been constituted on 12.8.99 to review and revise the existing technical efficiency norms as also guidelines to the specifications for a cane sugar plant. This Committee has already held two meetings and the specifications are expected to be finalised shortly.

A working group has been constituted for fortification of sugar with Vitamin `A` under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Sugar).A pilot project for production of sugar fortified with Vitamin `A` has been set up at M/s Shirpur Shetkari Shahakari Sakhar Kharkhana Ltd. Shirpur, Distt. Dhule, Maharashtra.The plant has already produced 1.4 M.Ts of fortified sugar which will be sent to the National Institute of Nutrient, Hyderabad for biological impact assessment study.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The Development Council is likely to be reconstituted shortly.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3916 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17-8-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

TO BE PUBLISHED IN PART II. SECTION 3. SUB SECTION (ii) EXTRA-ORDINARY OF THE GAZETTE OF INDIA.

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY
(Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 11th November, 1998

S.O.967(E):- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Industries(Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 (65 of 1951), read with rules, 3,4 & 5 of the Development Council (Procedural) Rules, 1952 the Central Government hereby establishes the Development Council for Sugar Industry for a period of two years from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette and appoints the following persons as Chairman, Member-Secretary and Members: of the said council, namely:-

1.Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Sugar & Edible Oils, New Delhi Chairman

2.Shri Annasaheb M.K. Patil, (Member, Lok Sabha) Member

3.Shri N. Janardhana Reddy, (Member, Lok Sabha) Member

4.Shri Suryabhan Patil Vahadane, (Member, Rajya Sabha) Member

5.Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India, Incharge of Sugar in Ministry of Food and Consumer Affairs, New Delhi Member-Secy.

6.Chief Director, Directorate of Sugar, New Delhi Member

7Director, National Sugar Institute, Kanpur Member

8.Director, Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune Member

9.Director, Sugar Breeding Institute, Coimbatore Member

10.President, Indian Sugar Mills Association, Sugar House, 39, Nehru Place New Delhi-110019. Member

11.President, National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd., `Vaikunth` (IIIrd Floor),82-83, Nehru Place, NewDelhi Member

12.Executive Director, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Bank of Baroda, 16, Sansad Marg, New Delhi Member

13.Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Secretariate for Industrial Assistance, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Industry, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi. Member

14.Managing Director, National Cooperative Development Corporation, 4. Siri Fort

Institutional Area, Hauz Khas, New Delhi Member
15.Joint Adviser, Industry and Minerals Division, Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi. Member
16.President, Uttar Pradesh Khandsari Sugar Manufacturer`s Association, B-92, Gandhi Nagar, Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh. Member
17.Sardar Inderjit Singh Grewal, Member, Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Kila Rajpur, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab. Member
18.Sardar Gurbax Singh, General Secretary, Bhartiya Kissan Union, Village Kaleke, Tehsil Barnala, Disttt. Sangrur(Punjab). Member
19.Dr. Sukhdev Singh, Ex-MLA (Rori) Village and Post Office Sukhchain, Distt. Sirsa, Haryana. Member
20.Sardar Jaswant Singh, Ex-Deputy Speaker, Punjab, Village Phaphre, Distt. Mausa, Punjab. Member
21.Er. Vijay K. Bansal, 182-A, Opposite Gurudwara, Chandnagar, New Delhi. Member
22.Giani Harinder Singh, Village and Post Office Pajgamberpur, Tehsil Bilaspur, Distt. Rampur (U.P) Member
23.Sardar Mohanjit Singh Siddhu, S/o Sardar Udham Singh Siddhu, Todepur House, New Cantt. Road, Faridkot, Punjab. Member
24.Sardar Malkeet Singh, S/o Sardar Naranjan Singh, Village and Post Office Amir Nagar Dulman, Tehsil Maler Kotla, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab. Member
25.Sardar Sanmukh Singh, S/o Sardar Mohar Singh, Village Moran Wali - Sunam, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab. Member

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ASHOK KUMAR, Joint Secy.

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3916 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17-8-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

1. Recommendation of targets for sugar production/formulation of standard specifications/ guidelines to the specifications for plant and machinery or sugar factory incorporating the latest technology.

2. Through its Standing Research Advisory Committee, various research projects are recommendedfor funding through the Sugar Development Fund. Such projects are aimed at improving the technical efficiency of the factories, as also the yield & quality of cane.

3. Through its Standing Advisory Committee on Sugar Standards, ISS grade samples are beingprepared each year conforming to specifications prescribed by BIS.

4. Act as a forum for review of Government policies with regard to the sugar industry & make suitable recommendations for the consideration of Government.